



Barbara Ann Jerrell

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Barbara Ann Jerrell passed away peacefully at her home October 25, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born April 23, 1948, in Gaithersburg, MD, cherished daughter to the late Rosa and Otis Jerrell.

After graduating from Glenelg High School, Barb earned her nursing degree in 1969 from Prince George's Hospital School of Nursing and was then employed at Taylor Manor Hospital in Ellicott City, MD. In 1979, Barbara and her life and business partner, Eileen Talley, relocated to Rehoboth Beach, DE where they opened the first kite shop in Delaware. They loved being business owners and eventually opened five additional stores in downtown Rehoboth Beach. Barb was active in the Rehoboth Chamber of Commerce and the Rehoboth Downtown Business Association and was instrumental in the beginning concepts of the Rehoboth Jazz Festival, the Sea Witch Festival, and the Easter Egg Hunt. She thoroughly loved being a part of all aspects of downtown Rehoboth. After retiring from retail, Barb became the office manager for Dr. William Thomas and worked in his office for 15 years.

Barbara's life was a testament to her kind and nurturing spirit. She brought smiles and understanding to those whose lives she touched. Her hope, optimism and courage was always evident throughout her life. Her keen sense of fair play, respect for those around her, and her wonderful sense of humor made her loved by her friends and family as well as those in her poker group and book club, two of her favorite activities. Barb will be deeply missed and forever cherished by all who knew her.

Barb leaves behind her loving partner of 44 years Eileen Talley, her brother Mickey Jerrell, her nephew Brian Jerrell (Jennifer) and sons, her sister-in-law Nancy Jerrell, her niece Christine Thorne (Keith) and sons, and many other family members. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Ron Jerrell.

A private interment was held in Epworth Methodist Church Cemetery in Rehoboth Beach, DE. A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral



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Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends and family may visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11556602/LTWWebcast>.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donation in Barbara's memory to Susan G. Komen's Association, <https://www.komen.org/?utm>, or Delaware Hospice Center, <https://delawarehospice.org/donate/> .

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, December 3, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



Celebration of life

 **Tuesday**, December 3, 2024

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Webcast Video**.



November 5 at 12:55 PM



Mary Stein posted:

Barbara and I were friends for a very long time. We enjoyed many laughs over the years. She was a very special friend and was always fun to be with. She fought so long and hard with her cancer and always was positive whenever I spoke with her. Barbara and her wonderful spirit will long be remembered.

November 7 at 1:30 PM

SM **Sandy Mcdevitt** November 29 at 6:13 PM

Barb was my best buddy, protector, confidant, advisor. She had the best sense of humor and was always upbeat even with cancer. She wanted to make those of us around her feel happy. Even when she was suffering. Barb believed in fair and equitable treatment to all. This I learned early on. I knew her since 1966. A truly wonderful and humorous human being. Fly high till we see you again.



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Kindall Kennedy December 3 at 10:54 AM

I will forever miss the fun loving banter between Nana, Barb and I about them being Yankees and me, the stereotypical Southern Belle Red Neck. lol.. One of the funniest was they bought me my first Mason Jar stemware, I had NEVER even heard of it! Seeing how my Yankee Aunts were better at Red Necking than I was always gave me a chuckle. I still bring out my Jeff Foxworthy Redneck Christmas Collection every year. ❤️They, along with my Pops (Nanas baby brother/ my Dad) also introduced to me to a life long love of Jazz and Big Band. They all brought depth and layers into my world that would have gone unnoticed otherwise. I found a deep love for the boardwalk on Rehoboth Beach and dreamed of one day, I could own a shop there, just like they did. My love for reading despite having dyslexia was deep-rooted in me through my Nana and Barb. I gained so much wisdom and strength by knowing such incredible women. They didn't just exist, these two lived life to its fullest and enjoyed it! In the best of times and what I could only imagine as being the hardest, they were side by side. Kindred spirits souring though this life.. What a legacy she and my Nana have created. One that i cherish and stride to be more like everyday. I will forever be so thankful for everything they were, are and will always be. Aunt Barb, rest in sweet, precious peace until we meet again. All my love, ~Kinny (Kindall Talley Kennedy)



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Barbara by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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